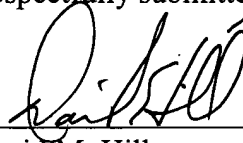


1 REMARKS

2 Favorable consideration of the present application in view of the amendments herein is  
3 respectfully requested. New Claims 21-40 are now pending in this application and are ready for  
4 examination on the merits. These claims have been added to more clearly define the scope of at least  
5 one aspect of the present invention. Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention as claimed  
6 represents a patentable contribution to the art and the application is in condition for allowance. Early  
7 and favorable consideration is accordingly solicited.

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